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Listing of Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the subject application:

Claims 1-8 (canceled).

9. (currently amended) A method for formatting an optical information recording medium, comprising the steps of:

performing a power calibration by a drive,

determining a first recording power to be used for recording data, ~~[[as]]~~ utilizing a result of the power calibration, and

formatting the medium by said drive at a second recording power for formatting which is equal to or lower than ~~and is a fraction of~~, the first recording power for recording data determined as ~~[[a]]~~ the result of the power calibration.

10. (previously presented) An optical information recording medium formatted by the method of claim 9.

11. (currently amended) ~~The method of claim 9, wherein the fraction is~~ A method for formatting an optical information recording medium, said method comprising the steps of:

performing a power calibration of the medium by a drive;

determining a first recording power to be used by said drive for recording data on the

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medium, based on a result of the power calibration;

determining a second recording power for formatting, by multiplying the first recording power by a coefficient of 1 or less; and

formatting the medium by said drive in accordance with said second recording power for formatting.

12. (new) An optical information recording medium formatted by the method of claim

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